

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15-19 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 7, 14, and 20 as follows:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The A method of claim 1,~~ for switching identity of a user that has a first username associated with a first class of users, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving login information from the user, the login information including the first username, an alternate class, and a password, the first username and the alternate class being received as part of a user identification input of the login information entered by the user;

authenticating the user based on the first username and the password; and

providing access to the computer system as the alternate class,

wherein the alternate class is different than the first class, and

in the receiving step, the first username and alternate class are entered into a single data field as a single character string so that identity switching is accomplished in only one user step.

8-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ computer program product of claim 9, for switching identity of a user that has a first username associated with a first class of users, the computer program product comprising:

a storage medium readable by a processing circuit and storing instructions for execution by the processing circuit for performing a method comprising the steps of:

receiving login information from the user, the login information including the first username, an alternate class, and a password, the first username and the alternate class being received as part of a user identification input of the login information entered by the user;

authenticating the user based on the first username and the password; and

providing access to the computer system as the alternate class,

wherein the alternate class is different than the first class, and

in the receiving step of the method, the first username and alternate class are entered into a single data field as a single character string so that identity switching is accomplished in only one user step.

15-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ system of claim 15, for switching identity of a user that has a first username associated with a first class of users, the system comprising:

an interface receiving login information from the user, the login information including the first username, an alternate class, and a password, the first username and the alternate class being received as part of a user identification input of the login information entered by the user; and

a processor authenticating the user based on the first username and the password, and providing access to the computer system as the alternate class,

wherein the alternate class is different than the first class, and

in the receiving interface, the first username and alternate class are entered into a single data field as a single character string so that identity switching is accomplished in only one user step.